

## Adjective

A word that describes a noun  
e.g. the cat is very happy



## Adverb

A word that describes a verb, an adjective or another adverb  
e.g. the cat is extremely small / the cat moved stealthily



## Definite article

The

## Indefinite article

A or an

## Demonstrative

This, that, these, those

## Main clause

A sentence that functions independently  
e.g. I'll feed the dog.



## Subordinate clause

A part of the sentence that is dependent upon another part  
e.g. I'll feed the dog [main clause] when he barks [subordinate clause]!

## Conjunction

A word that joins a group of words  
e.g. and / or

## Gender

In most European languages all nouns are either masculine or feminine.

## Gerund

This is the  
-ing form in English.  
e.g. the elephant is squirting water.

## Irregular verb

Verbs that don't follow a set pattern of  
**Infinitive**



rules.

The basic form of the verb, as it is found  
in the dictionary (nothing has been added or taken away).  
e.g. to drink / to sleep

in the



### Modal verb

An auxiliary verb that is used with another verb to express a certain mood or intention.

e.g. I can't swim / I have to do my work



### Mood

The form a verb can take.

There are three types of mood:

**Indicative**: used with statements/facts

**Imperative**: instructions/directions

**Subjunctive**: expresses doubt/possibility



## Noun

A naming word  
e.g. giraffe / telephone

**Singular**  
One thing

**Plural**  
More than one thing

**Direct object**  
The phrase directly affected by the action of the verb.

e.g. I gave him **the present** (the present is being given)



**Indirect object**

The person or thing that receives the object  
e.g. I gave **him** the present (him – he is receiving the object)

**Passive**

e.g. the thief **was caught by the police**





### Active

e.g. the police caught the thief

### Personal pronoun

Refers to people

e.g. I / you / he / she / we / you / they

### Possessive

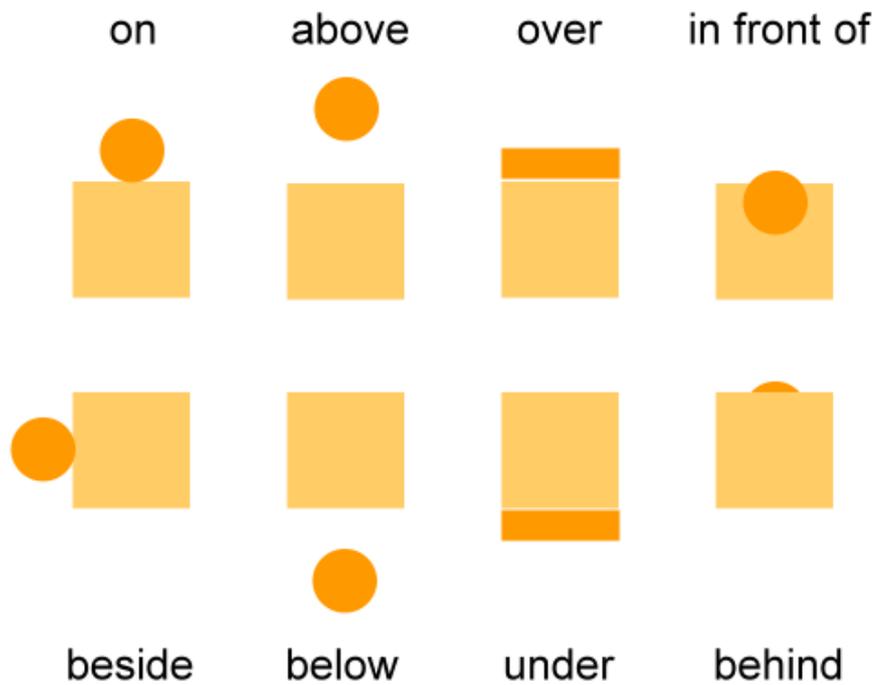
Indicates possession

e.g. mine / yours / his

### Preposition

A word that gives information, such as time, location or direction

E.g on, at, between



### Pronoun

A word that replaces a noun  
e.g he / she / it

### Reflexive pronoun

Myself / yourself / himself

### Reflexive verb

An action that can be done to oneself  
e.g. I hurt myself



### Subject

The person doing the action  
e.g. the monkey eats banana



### Verb

An action word

### Past tense

Says what happened in the past

### Present tense

What is happening now

### Future tense

What will happen in the future

### Conditional tense

What could/would happen